MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ജനറൽ കപ്പാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ എന്താണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ കഴിയുമോ? അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ ഒന്നും പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നില്ല.

MR. E. G. SALTER: The question is not understood.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അതായതു സർവകലാശാലാ ബിരുദങ്ങളും വല്ലതും നേടിയിട്ടുള്ള ആളാണോ അല്ലയോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചതു്.

(The President called for the next question.)

State Transport Department.

107 * MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to discontinue service from any of the existing routes where motor service is conducted by the State Transport Department; and

(*b*) if so, which are those routes?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Trivandrum-Vizhinjam and East Fort-Valiathurai.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the reason in arriving at the decision to stop the two lines referred to in the answer?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I explain Sir. That in Meenam 1113 together with the other services in the Trivandrum city limits the East Fort—Valiathura service was taken over. Since then the average earning per mile from that route varied from 4 to 4·6 chuckrams per mile. In spite of reductions made in fare we did not succeed in increasing the average beyond 4·45 chuckrams. The operation cost of the Department per mile would be about 8 chuckrams per mile. The whole circumstance was explained to the Transport Advisory Committee and they have unanimously recommended to Government the discontinuance of the service. The same remarks apply with regard to the Vizhinjam line also which was opened in the 1st of Chingom 1115.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Am I to understand from the honourable member that consideration of profits only weighed with the Department for taking over the service?

MR. E. G. SALTER: In this particular instance it is not a case of profit but definitely a loss. It was a matter for consideration how long we have to put up with operating any particular route at a loss.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whethe the Transport Department proposes to make any other arrangement to meet the needs of the passenger public?

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ലൈൻ നിരത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിൽവച്ചുണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ലാഭനഷ്ടങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് ചിന്തിക്കാതെയും പഠിക്കാതെയുമാണോ അതു ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

PRESIDENT: Order, Order. I have noticed that in regard to the Transport Department the questions put by the honourable member Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju are obviously actuated by great animus. It is a great pity that I shall have to prevent questions which are clearly animated by what may be called personal animus.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: Sir, a word of personal explanation.

PRESIDENT: I have been very indulgent to the honourable member. But the questions put by him have become more and more offensive. But for the personal consideration which I have for Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju I should have ordered him out of the House.

Jenmikaram Commutations Committee.

108 *MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL (*Travancore Jenmies, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date when the last Jenmikaram Commutations Committee:

(i) was constituted;

(ii) reported?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR:

(i) 17-8-1938.

(ii) 31-1-39 by the Trivandrum Division Commutation Committee.
5-3-39 by the Quilon Division Committee.
21-3-39 by the Kottayam Division Committee.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL: May I know whether Government will take early steps to revise the rates in view of the rise in the price of paddy?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Orders have since been passed to constitue a committee for the purpose. And the committee will be constituted early in 1117.

Sale of surplus salt.

109 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are negotiating with other States or Provinces for the sale of our surplus salt; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the result of such negotiations?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The State is helping some licensees who are endeavouring to sell a portion of our surplus salt. The negotiations are still pending.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I please know the quantity if any of surplus salt produced in 1115?

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